### NAT'L BAPT. CONVENT'N OPENS IN ATLANTA, GA. SEPT. 5---BIG CROWDS WILL BE ON HAND.

## RACE RIOT IN BAPTIST DELEGATES TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA TENNESSEANS AT TENNESSEE CAPTURES THE FIRST PRIZE GRAND LODGE

Trial Now in Progress-Officers Testify—Much Information Being Given.

Houston Observer.

of the 24th Infantry, U. S. A., sought to avenge the brutal treatment ac-

the Negro military police accosted the officers to ascertain the trouble and he was shot at and chased into a nearthe police station also.

secured ammunition and began to delegations. shoot up the town.

ordered closed.

in the disturbance. ferent places during the evening, but they did not attempt any action. Friday morning the downtown dis

trict assumed a holiday or Sunday attitude, but everything was quiet and orderly. In the fourth ward citizens were go to work Friday morning and

telephone service was badly demora-The officials deserve great praise

for the excellent manner in which they handled the situation. The body of Sergeant Vida Henry,

Co. 1, 24th Infantry was found Frimorning, bringing the total dead to 15 and increasing the dead troopers to 2, It is alleged that Henry, a seasoned veteran, was the ring

The Observer urges all Negroes to keep their mouths shut and stay off streets, invite no trouble from soldiers or civilians, obey the martial and municipal laws and protect your homes.

REPORT OF OFFICERS COMMAND-ING NEGROES.

Major L. S. Snow, commanding the battalion of Negroes, made this statethat crystallized feeling among men of Atlanta Ga. his command that had been increasing since the battalion was sent here from Deming, N. M., three weeks ago, for guard duty on the site of Camp Logan while the camp was being con

"Thursday a Houston police officer arrested a Negro woman on or near San Felipe street and in doing so, I Tennessee held their annual session am informed, slapped her face. A sol- in Humboldt, Tenn., Aug. 29-25, W. W. dier of the Twenty-fourth, who had Williams. Nashville, Grand President been drinking, remonstrated with the presiding. More than eighty grand MRS. DOCKETT RETURNS HOME, tion of Tennessee, and is now one Church patrolman for what he considered his officers and delegates were in atunnecessary violence in striking her. The officer, according to reports made plished for the good of the fraterni to me, used abusive language to the and struck him repeatedly

The man's face and head were badly cut with the pistol butt. He was arrested by the same officer and taken to the station, where he isnow held."

"Thursday afternoon, according to reports made to me by Corporal Balti- During his four years in office he more of my military police force, a soldier of my command was arrested by an officer. Corporal Baltimore, who was nearby, wearing his military police badge, asked the policeman, purely for information, he says, why the man was arrested.

CORPORAL SAYS HE WAS HIT BY THE POLICE.

"The policeman told him it was none of his business. He then, Cor. office. pora Baltimore and the arrested solthe head with a pistol butt. Corporal Baltimore ran up the street, the policeman firing at him as he fled. He took refuge in a house under a bed policeman followed, dragged him put from beneath thebed, using fur- men" and so lessen ill feeling that out by the president and arrange

made open threats of retaliation." licemen to call the soldiers "colored ammunition from the cases.

## HOUSTON, TEXAS Special Trains Will Carry Many Delegates and

Workers to the Cracker City.

On Tuesday night, September 4th, at 9:15, the Baptist Special train will leave the Union Station over the N. C. and St. L. Ry., for Atlanta, Ga. This special will carry delegates out of Nashville for the big annual gathering of what is considered the largest gathering of denominational workers in the United States. Augmenting the Nashville contingent, will be delegates from the Blue Grass Houston was the scene of a race State who will come down from Louisville, Bowling Green, Hopkinsriot Thursday night, when members ville, Madison and Paducah. In addition to these, there will be two special sleepers with the Kansus, corded two Negro regulars by two Missouri, Colorado and Nebraska mounted policemen Thursday after-delagations. Southern Illinois is to noon. After these officers had beat up the minister in Middle Tennessee that is first regular and sent him to prison, co-operating with the Missionary Baptist State Convention is making plans and preparations to go to the he was shot at and chased into a near- Atlanta meeting. At the Baptist by residence, where the officers pul- Minister's Conference Monday mornled him out and after subjecting him ing it was decided on the hour of deto a severe drubbing, sent him to parture, and telegrams were sent to lyarious sections of the country noti-Apparently, the Negro troopers be-fying them of Nashville's time of decame hot in the collar at the treat- parture. This was done because it ment accorded one of the best-behav- had been requested that Nashville ed men in the entire regiment and wait for the western and northern Nashville.

This special will arive in Atlanta At the hour of going to press four- Wednesday morning at 7:40. Septeen are reported killed; 13 whites, tember 5th. Among those who will including one officer of the Illinois attend from Nashville are the foiregiment, and four city policemen. lowing: Rev. an Mrs. C. H. Clark, One Negro trooper was killed. Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Boyd, Revs. W. S. Eighteen were wounded, includ- Ellington, G. B. Taylor, G. W. Wood ing thirteen white and five Negro in by, J. C. Fields, J. Slaughter, G. B. fantrymen. Bolden, A. W. Porter, T. J. Tunstall. Martial law was immediately de- Sr., A. W. Baugus, J. L. Harding. clared and all saloons, hardware President of the Baptist State Con-stores and other places of business vention, J. L. Harding, Rev. H. A. Boyd and wife, Misses Badger, Katlo Thus far no report has been made A. Boyd, E. A. Battle, Gena Patterany Negro civilians participating son, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blaine Boyd, the disturbance. Mrs. Mattie Boyd Benefield, and a Crowds of white gathered at dif- number of others whose names could not be gotten at the time of going to press.



REV. C. H. CLARK, D. D.,

BENEVOLENT ORDER OF TEN-NESSEE MEETS AT HUMBOLDT.

The Delegated Assembly of the Benevolent Crders of the State of tendance and much work was accom-

The reports of the grand officers

and numerically. The four years' limit in office having expired, W. W. Williams, Grand President, retired from office, having acquitted himself beyond our most sanguine expectation. could not stay longer. added sixteen new members which brought into the order hundreds of brought into the order hundreds of members and several thousand dollars' worth of property. His successor in office of the property of the successor in office of the successor in offi lars' worth of property. His successor in office is Prof. W. R. Davis of Nashville. Prof. Davis is a graduate of Fisk University and is one of the from time to time filled some of its most important offices. He is well up on modern institutions and we predict for him much success while in

The death benefit department of the order is in a healthful condition financially speaking. Prof. Davis, Mrs. Rosie L. Winstead and Wm. this department four years, Prof.

ther abusive anguage to him and grew out of applying other terms to struck him twice more with the pistol them that the soldiers resented.

The flames flared up as early as

"When the men in camp heard of 7:30 o'clock Thursday night at the these occurances Thursday afternoon battalion camp, just outside the city by Sister Laura Swain. Then the it excited them greatly and they limits at West End and just north ladies were served a delicious ice of Washington avenue. Word came A conference was held by Major to Major Snow at that hour that the Snow and Chief of Police Brock. It Negroes had entered the tent where followed by the issuance of an ammunition was stored and were to enjoy the evening to the very Louis, Mo. Through the encouragement Grand Treasurer of the Calanthe order from the chief instructing po- filching ball cartridges regular battle highest. They thanked the hostess of Gen. Preston Taylor the Uniform Court of this city, which office she of the best school terms in the his about nine o'clock a two coure menu

Davis having been elected Grand President, Prof. R. H. Brown was elected to succeed him in this department. Prof. Brown is also a gradu ate of Fisk University and is a great

worker in the order. W. W. Williams, Past Grand President, was elected editor-in-chief of the Benevolent Voice, the official or-gan of the order. The following is the roster of officers elected for the next ensuing term:

Grand Vice President, M. Bowers, Chattanooga Grand Secretary, Mrs. Maggie B.

Lewis, Nashville. Grand Treasurer, Prof. J. L. Hyde,

Members of Grand Executive Bos-Mrs. Cornelia McWain, Springfield.

stead, Nashville; Editor of B. O. Voice, Ex-Grand President, W. W. Williams, Nasaville Some distinguished visitors that

were in attendance: Dr. Lee, Dr. G. H. A. Bryant, Humboldt; Dr. P. A. Stephens, Chattanooga; Rev. J. Thompson, Murfreesboro; Rev. C. H. Ivie, Rutherford; Rev. W. J. Young nooga; Dr. W. E. A. Ford, Nasaville; Dr. J. B. McClellan, Murfreesboro, and

MRS. WHITE IMPROVING.

ciety Editor, who was injured in an cation in the city of Nashville. hoping she will be able to return on Finance.

# CELEBRATION AT

pleted; Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, a pleted; Mt. Nebo Baptis beautiful brick church, soon will be beautiful brick church, soon will be The Asheraft School is completed. The Ashcraft School the most modern colored public school in the south, well built, beautifully lighted with electric lights, a basement with two new furnaces just put in, lunch rooms and playgrounds, also school gardens growing, new Lodge. streets around this school and community have just been completed. Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church Gordon's Chapel September 6 at 8:00 so well known that it seems unnec- Encampment held at St. Louis, Mo., ment of two occurrences Thursday who will attend the Convention in p. m., and view all the improvements made on the line of march from Gor- there. con Chapel to Mt. Nebo Baptist and board of education will be present. Both of these boards have shown the deepest interest in our community and the citizens wish to show their appreciation for these favors in this demonstration. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. Clara Hightower Dockett, wife of Dr. A. B. Dockett, of Qint. State. man, Ga., who has been visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. soldier, and struck him repeatedly over the head and in the face with the and delegates showed a general in the account of the sudden death of crease in the order both financially Mr. Dockett of Troy, Ala., brother of Dr. Dockett. Although her stay was short she was highly entertained and her many friends regret that she

The Auxiliary of the Fifteenth prime movers in the order, having Avenue Baptist Church met at the residence of Mrs. Ellen Murray, 1629 State street, last Thursday night August 23rd. The meeting was call ed to order by the president with song and prayer. Scripture reading from the 13th chapter of The lesson was discussed for twenty minutes by Sister Cordelia Miller, Copeland have been at the head of after which quotations and dues were responded to by the members. collection was a splendid one. business of the meeting was carried ments were made for the and entertainment on next Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. Mar. Sutton. The meeting was dismissed course and cake by the hostess, as sisted by her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Brown. Each and every one seemed and returned to their several homes. Rank took on new life.

### the Order Shown Support Promised.

good one and will go down in fraterthey represent.

the leader of Pythianism in the state, ident of victory. They were cheered D. B. F. Committee: Prof. R. H. For nineteen years this distinguish by more than two hundred Tenness-Brown, Nashville; Mrs. Rosie L. Win- ed Sir Knight has been the head of eans, who accompained them and who Wm. Copeland the order in this jurisdiction.

Mrs. Cora Jordan White, our so- in the gift of the board of public edu- a place, even the first place, but I auto accident, a few days ago, is In the Supreme Lodge, Sir Craw-say, but you may tell the folks at still confined to her home. We are ford is chairman of the Committee home that we have won." True to

to her desk in a few days. We are Another prominent Toppessean in judges awarded Tennessee the first glad to state however, Mrs. White is the Supreme lodge was Sir Knight A, prize. Notwithstanding that this was W. Fite, for sixteen years the Deputy Tennesee's first time to send her Grand Chancellor of the middle dis- companies to the Supreme Encamp-

fit during all these years that at the Ohio and Pennsylvania. Brigadierlast grand session he was elected General Taylor stated before leaving Field Deputy Grand Chancellor.

The people of Mt. Nebo Hill will thoroughly demonstrated at the Grand Dr. R. W. Allen, W. A. Thompson, celebrate September 6th the great Lodge Session, when such distin T Clay Moore C O Hunter, and with improvements made there during the guished Pythians as A. N. Johnson, such members of the Court of Calanlast welve months. Gordon Chapel, J. C. Napier, J. Milton Easterling, and the as Mesdames Burk and Kennedy a beautiful brick church just com- U. W. Richardson, deemed it an honor of Knoxville, Clemmie White. Lester

Committee of Rules in the Supreme to be given a reception within a short

The line of march will be formed at Roscoe Simmons. Col Simmons is prize in the Competitive Drill at the

Church, where the speaking will take Binghamton Lodge of Memphis, and Pythians through the week. They place. The board of commissioners went to the Supreme Lodge as a rep. received a great ovation from the Tennessean was the official reporter, the drill grounds. Dr. R. W. Allen, of Chattanooga, visited the Supreme Lodge, as a rep- INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. resentative from this state.

> of the most popular Pythians in the Dr. Allen is a member of the firm Allen and Wyckliff, of Chattanooga, This firm is a credit to the city of Chattanooga and is a living example of Negro thrift and business acumen

Dr. C. O. Hunter, the present G. K. R. and S., was also in attendance at (Continued on page 4.)



BRIG-GEN PRESTON TAYLOR. Who is in command of Uniform given in their honor.

### SUPREME LODGE Volunteer Company No. 5, Uniform Rank Brings Home the Bacon.

Great Numbers in attendance-Much Loyalty to Lodge Encampment was that which was put up by the Volunteer Comwhich they captured the first prize in the competitive drill. It came as a

thunder bolt from a clear sky to the uniform men who were supposed to be better drilled and far better posted Grand President, Prof. W. R. Davis. St. Louis, Mo., was alive with the teer state however, came in as the most prominent Ppthians of the race, one dark horse, under command of The meeting was an exceedingly Brigadier-general Taylor, who had instructed all of his officers from the field down to the linemen that they nal history as one of the most bene- were not to return to their native Company. ficial conventions ever held by that soil without bringing back one of the Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Stew-art. August body. Many prominent Ten-prizes. Councils were held daily, and nesseans attended the Supreme lodge the four companies from Tennessee Grand Marshal, Thomas Lawrence, and it may be interesting to many in drilled from early morning until very this jurisdiction to know something last at night each day. Thursday Grand Sentinel, T. J. Pruitt, Chat- of the personel of our men and what morning when the competitive drill was called for, these brave and fear-Among the leaders from Tennessee less knights from sunny Tennessee -Mrs. T. J. McClanahan Nashvine, we mention first Dr. J. P. Crawford, came upon the parade grounds con-

> were here to see that they were not anism in this country for a number battalion and company from Tenf years. As a Grand Chancellor, he nessee, strengthened his men in all as had a large experience, so much the weak places and after the last so that he is eminently fitted to carry company has passed over the parade ut the extensive plans of the great grounds, he said," There is nothing to it, we have them. I have seen

Dr. Crawford is not only active in them all drill and I know exactly the ythian circles but in the educational strong points of our company. We vorid also. For a number of years made but one error thia can reasonabhe was principal of the largest Gram- ly be called an error, and while I admar School in the city of Nashville, mit that our boys put up some good He is now Supervisor of Grammar drilling, old Volunteer No. 5 has done schools which position is the highest the work this day. I am confident of cannot foretell what the judges will

his remarks and his prophecy, the ment, she has gone on record and has Sir Fite's work in the interest of forged her way to to front, taking for Nashville that he would meet the Knight Fite is a member of Damon boys in Atlantic City, prepared to do Lodge No. 2, of Nashville and for five something even better. Grand Chanyears was president of the Pyhtian cellor J. P. Crawford was seen after Hall Association of Nashville. The the decision was made in company popularity of Sir Knight File was with such sir knights as As W. Fite, and a priviledge to second his nomin- and others from Nashville. They deation for the position of Field Depu- clared that they felt proud of the Uni- Day form Rank. The company left St. Sir Fite's activity has won for him Louis for their homes jubilant over superintendents will meet at the Lia host of loyal friends throughout the work they had accomplished brary Thursday night. We are exthe state Sir Fite served on the They had accomplished. hTey are pecting an interesting meeting.

time by their Nashville friends, From West Tennessee came one of Volunteer Company No. 5, Uniform National fame, the eloquent Col. Rank K. of P., who captured the first cessary to say other than he was last week. The company was with the First Battalion of the Tennessee The Colonel is a member of the Pythians. It was the pride of the resentative of the State of Tennessee. Tennessee Colony as they passed in In the Supreme Lodge this great review on the street parade and on

> Lea Lord's day. This meeting will bring together

growth of the church has been very Teacher's Training Course. he enlargement of the work, both in the Evangelistic and Educational chools in eight different states, prearing workers for the fields, that ere being constantly opened to them. executive sessions will be held mornevery night. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the sessions. Preston Taylor, Pastor.

RETURN TO THE CITY AFTER A DELIGHTFUL TRIP.

Mr. L. A. Creed of 501, 5th Ave., N. as returned to the city after a delightful trip to Louisville and Indianapolis, and Chicago, while in Chicao he was beautifully entertained by his many friends and was the charming guest of Mr. Wm. Steels of 1629, West Walnut street.

MRS. WHITE AND DAUGHTER HOME AGAIN.

Mrs. Clemmie White, and daughter Rose, 44 Lafayette street, who attend- Mathematics. ed the Supreme Court of Calanthe at St. Louis, Mo., have returned raphy. home and report a delightful trip. Many dinners and auto parties were tor Domestic Science. They also Rank K. of P., of Tennessee and who spent two days visiting friends in was in the camps with them at St. Chicago, Ill. Mrs. White is the has held many years.

St. Louis, Mo. Perhaps the big-rest surprise in the whole Supreme NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE. "Christ Preaching to the Multitude will be the subject of Rev. W. S. Ellington's discourse Sunday morning. He will also preach in the afternoon and administer the Lord's Supper. The Dorcas Aid, Ladies' Drill Corps Pastor's Aid and Young People's Progressive Club are planning to give a union entertainment in the near fu-

T. Thomas Fortune, the vetrean fournalist, has become an attache of the National Benefit Life Insurance

CHURCCH OF HOLY TRINITY. Church of the Holy Trinity, Ewing Wright, Priest-in-charge, Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Sermon at

The Rector will preach a special sermon on "The Fundamental Need" A cordial welcome is extended to all to be present at these services. The regular monthly meeting of vestry He has been identified with every tacking in encouragement Major Gen-will be held in the vestry room of progressive movement among Pyth- eral Hall in command of the first the Church Thursday evening, Sept. 6th at 8 p. m.



REV. J. L. HARDING D. D., President of Baptist State Conven-

NEGRO PUBLIC LIBRARY. The Library will be closed Labor A meeting of all the Sunday school i

If you haven't registered at the Library yet, why delay.

# OPENING OF WAL-

Walden University will open on

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 25th and 26th. The first day for recita- will work in harmony and thus lift Dr. Allen was for a number of years Christian Church will begin its ses- first faculty meeting will be held at Avenue Christian 2 p. m., Wednesday the 26th. It is Church, Wednesday, September 5th, the wish of the President that all and continue over the following students in Nashville and vicinity will matriculate on the 25th. graduates from Pearl High School me of the best prepared ministers will be accepted in the freshman coland educators of the Disciples. The lege without examination, and the rapid, and plans are being laid for students in all departments are accepted. We have a strong faculty with a new Dean in the person of J. The church has in operation. W. E. Bowen, Jr., a graduate from Howard University, and the following is a list of our teachers: E. A. White, D. D., President and Christian Treasurer. Sociology, J. W. E. Bowen, Jr., A. B., A. M.

Dean and Instructor. J. Henry Alston, A. B., Mathmatics, assistant Science. O. S. M. Utley, A. B., M. D., Science

Elizabeth Dogan, McMillan, A. B., A. M., Latin, German, Greek, Edith M. Hester, A. B., History and English.

tory and English. Certificate, English and Methods.

Maude Reed-Gray, M. D., Commer- auto parties and a hav ride, cial Department, Assistant Language, and Mrs. C. E. S. Pavne entertained Martha Ruth Sissle, History, Geor-

tant teacher music.

tory of Walden.

Mary E. Miles, Domestic Art.

Lucile E. Fleming, Bookkeeper

Master-Many Delegates And Visitors Present.

L. C. Moore elected Grand

The D. G. L. and D. G. H. of R. held their biennial session at Knoxville, Tenn., August 14th to 17th, 1917.

Monday, August 13th, was Patriarchy neld day. They held their busi-ness session at the Knoxville Banner hall from 1 p. m. to 2 p. m., after which they marched, headed by Coi. J. W. Grant and Lieut, Col. W. H. F. Brown to the street cars on Gay street, toence to the Park where the field day exercises consisting of drills by rutriarchie Co. C. and the ladies' auxiliary drill corps, the balance of the day and evening were spent in

dancing and convivialities. At 10 a. m., on the morning of Aug. 14th the public preliminar, exercises were conducted. The order marched from Odd Fellows building on Vine avenue to the City Market itall, where they were welcomed to the city by the mayor, J. E. McMillan Several addresses were made which were concluded with an address by Hon, J. W. Grant, Past D. G. M. and Colonel of the 10th Patriarchi eRegt.

During the three (3) days' sessions much business of vital importance was transacted, chief of which were the closing of the old endowment department and the establishment of a new one with class "A" and "B" poli-

The new insurance has a maximum policy in class "A" of \$300, reached in five (5) years with quarterly dues fo \$1.20, while class "B" cuts all the above in half. All present members go in class "A" if they choose, death claims due after membership of six (6) months. New members may enter either

class, but benefits are base i on age. this plan must be passed upon by the lodges and the Sub-committee of Management, as it is compulsory It is believed that the plan is the

for visitation by the D. G. M. which is a new feature. The bonds of the D. G. S. and the D. G. T. were raised to ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars each The attempt to establish a burial tion, who goes to Atlanta, Ga. next bureau failed, as it was felt that we

had best try one thing at a time. Mr. L. C. Moore of Memphis was chosen as D. G. M. for the next two (2) years, with Prof. E. Alston of Covington. Tenn., as D. G. S. and Sec. of Endowment E. H. Gilliam of Chattanooga Treasurer and Treasurer of the Endowment. J. L. Starr of Knoxville was re-elected D. D. G. M. by acclamation, Bro. Pratt of Chattanooga D.

Hon. J. W. Grant was re-elected D. G. Attorney by acclamation, and Dr. C. O. Hunter was re-elected D G. Medical Examiner by acclamation. Clarksville was chosen as the next

meeting place in 1919, over Nashville and Memphis. While not so large in numbers, owing to disagreements in the executive boards, the war and the high cost of living, it was one of the most beneficial meetings in the history of the order. It is also felt that the new board

up the banner of F. L. T. The welcome by the mayor of Knox-

ville was not the ordinary stereotyped, platitudinous phrases used on such occasions. The welcome to the greatest city in Tennessee was seen and felt by all the citizens, policemen, street car men and everybody showed it by action. Knoxville is not great as to extent and buildings, but in that which goes to make the strangers within her, gates comfortable and

She has half a dozen policemen of our race, nearly all of whom are members of the order. Race men in many official positions. Knoxville has the finest and best equipped high school in the South for her colored children, with every modern appliance. Great is Knoxville, with a friendly feeling

MRS. BOSS RETURNS HOME.

Mrs. Mano Rose has returned from month's visit to her aunt. Mrs. Vera Lee Moore, A. B. A. M., His- Dave Allen in Carthage, she also visited relatives in Good Hooe, Tenn. Cecilia F. Garrett, Penn., Permanent and Hartsville and had a very pleasant visit in each home. Last week Mary E. Braden, Principal Music she was joined by her husband and Department, Piano, Voice, Harmony, his sister, Mrs. Wiley Nelson, they Elizabeth Fletcher-Walker, assis- were highly entertained by friends and relatives with a fishing party, them very highly in their home. Mr. and Mrs. Lytle Allen, Sr., who for several years have been grocer keep-Ida M. White, Preceptress, Instruc- ers in that town made them Very happy at their home. Mrs. Dave Allen gave a reception Friday evening at their home all spent a very pleasant evening. Games were car-The faculty hopes to make this one ried out during the evening and